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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Notice of Appeal filed September 18, 2000 be extended for a period of five months from November 18, 2000 up to and including April 18, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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